

Application No.: 10/660,731

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REMARKS

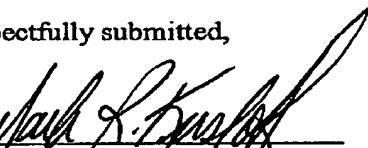
The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the application. The Office Action dated January 3, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 7, 8, 15, 16, and 20 have been amended. Claims 4, 9-14, 18, and 19 have been canceled. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 15-17, and 20 are currently pending. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for speaking with the Applicant's representatives on June 27, 2005. During the Telephonic Interview, the Examiner and the Applicant's representative discussed the pending claims. More specifically, the Examiner indicated that the above-referenced amendments would place the application in a condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

The Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Patents to charge any fees necessary to complete this filing, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

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